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NEED MORE ROOM FOR GRADE SCHOOL

High School Needs Entire
Building to Accommodate
Its Classes

STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES

Presents View That New Grade
School Building Should Be
Built

The following communication, signed by the board of school trustees, of School District, No. 1, will give the taxpayers of this district a good idea of the necessity for a new grade school building:

Safford, Arizona,
December 10, 1919.

EDITOR GUARDIAN:

On account of some complaints that have been made relative to the cost of running the High School, in connection with the proposed bond issue that is to be voted upon Saturday, December 20th, we desire to make a statement through your paper, explaining the necessity for the issue at this time.

The High School building was built in 1915, and has been used for both a High School and grade building up to the present time. There are now five classes from the grades below the High School in this building. The time has come when all of this room is needed for High School purposes. It was never intended to use this building permanently for the grades, and the phenomenal growth of the High School, as well as the grades, has made it necessary to gradually push the grades out. They should all be out of the High School building at this time. We have one building rented, the old M. E. Church, South, building, and to meet the need for further room it was found necessary even this year to purchase a ready-cut building. It will either be necessary to build a building next year, or rent the same old building and purchase another ready-cut, or erect something similar. No kind of a building fit to put pupils in can be erected for what the interest on the bonds will amount to.

Considering the high cost of building material, it will not be possible to erect any sort of a building as a permanent structure and furnish it for less than \$50,000.00. As the school district has only one six-room grade building, it is impossible to handle the pupils we have who now require fourteen teachers, with rooms overcrowded at that. The rented building and the ready-cut building are not fit for use, and the county seat should be ashamed not to have a good grade school building. Thatcher, four years or more ago, voted \$40,000 for a grade school building, and erected a building that today could not be built for anything like that sum. Solomonville has voted \$50,000 for a new school building, and it looks like the county seat should be able to take care of its children, as well as the towns above and below us.

The statement has been made that the High School taxes are 51 cents higher this year than last year. If this statement were correct, it would be no reason why the School District should not afford adequate facilities for taking care of its grade pupils. The common schools of this nation are the most effective bulwark against Bolshevism that we have. Every man who pays taxes, whether large or small, ought to support the common school as a means of self protection, even though he has no children to educate. It is true that High School taxes are 37 cents higher in 1919 than in 1918. It was found necessary, in order to prepare for increased salaries and additional teachers, to materially increase the levy for this year. However, where one building is used for both grades and High School, it is impossible to keep all items of expenditures separate, and there are some bills paid from the High School fund that in large part are expended for the benefit of the grades. During the early years of the operation of the High School, this same method worked to the advantage of the High School and for the first three years taxes were kept down by running

THE MERRY COBBLER

Comedy-Drama To Be Given
by the Gila Academy
Student Body

"The Merry Cobbler," is the name of the comedy-drama, which will be given by the Student Body of the Gila Academy. The play will be in four acts with fourteen characters.

Dramatics at the Gila Academy is one of the regular Student Body honor activities. This year fifty students entered the try-outs for places on the cast. So the task of selecting the fourteen characters was by no means an easy one. The practice and fun of trying for a part is ample reward for the effort required, whether the student makes the regular cast or not.

This year's play portrays a theme that is always interesting and popular. The triumph of real, red-blooded American honesty and purity over the scheming trickery of the underhanded fortune hunter.

There is also a great deal of real Irish wit and frank Dutch humor, coupled with the pranks of a bad superstitious negro.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Franz Altenheim "The Merry Cobbler"..... Hyrum Mortensen
Morris Holmes, Adventurer..... Paul Richardson
Col. Derrom, Leading Lawyer..... Ivan Nelson
I. L. Findham, Detective..... Fred Nash
Levee Bob, a Bad Negro..... Joseph Skaggs
Mike Maloney, a Police Officer..... Lorenzo Larson
Stella Derrom, Daughter of the Colonel..... Cleo Layton
Mrs. Rafferty, the Irish Widdy..... Martha Maybin
Gretechen Holmes, Wife of Holmes..... Pearl Peterson
Rosalie, Banana Girl..... Ruth Huih
Carlotta Lemonie, Stella's Friend..... Rhoda Foster
Lella, a Friend of the Cobbler..... Genevieve Layton
Florence, a Friend of the Cobbler..... Mildred McBride
Edna, a Friend of the Cobbler..... Tillie Mortensen

Dates for the Play—Thatcher, Thursday, December 18th; Central, Friday, December 19th; Pima, Saturday, December 20th.

County Attorneys

Form Association

Arizona's county and deputy county attorneys and the attorneys of the State attorney general's office, Tuesday, at Phoenix, organized an association to be known as the State Association of County Attorneys, announcement being made by the attorney general's office.

For the preliminary organization, Wilbur F. Timmons, of Yuma, was made temporary chairman, and Kirke T. Moore, of Pima county, was made temporary secretary. The organization committee, to report later, consists of R. W. Smith, Graham county, and Mr. Timmons and Mr. Moore.

The association is expected to bring about a better understanding between the various county attorneys and the office of the attorney general.

Is your kitchen too small? The LEONARD Hi-Oven Range will make it bigger. The Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware Store will tell you how. adv-44-3t

Would you like to sell your car? Bring it to the Auction Sale, Saturday, December 20th.

the High Schools and grades together.

The Board of Trustees do not desire to put anything over on anybody. Before requesting the call for this election, we called a public meeting, and asked everybody to come out and discuss the matter. About twenty-five taxpayers responded. At the close of the meeting we were instructed by a very large majority of those present to call a bond election for \$50,000 for the purpose mentioned in the call. If the people want a school building, we shall do our part to erect it at the least possible cost. If they do not want it, we can purchase another ready-cut building, or possibly build a temporary building by special assessment next summer. Whichever plan may be adopted, the building would not be fit for children to go to, or for teachers to teach in. The only feasible plan for a town that has any self-respect is to vote the bonds and build a school building that will be a credit to the community.

Very truly yours,
J. R. WELKER,
U. I. PAXTON,
W. R. CHAMBERS,
Board of Trustees.

Old Court House

Destroyed by Fire

The old county court house at Solomonville was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night, and it looks very much as if this was also the work of incendiaries. The fire alarm rang here about 11:15 p. m., and the firemen assembled in quick time, the fire truck leaving here about 11:35. A quick run was made, but the firemen were unable to save the building, the flames having too big a headway and there was, as usual, no water in the ditch.

The old court house, since the removal of the county seat to Safford, has been used as a public school, and since the brick school house was burned down several weeks ago, had been specially fitted up to accommodate the pupils until the new school house is erected.

New quarters have had to be secured by the trustees to carry on the school. Thatcher public school helped some in loaning furniture.

It looks very much as if there is a determined effort on the part of some one to prevent a school building existing in Solomonville. This is the second time that a school house has been destroyed by fire. The first fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries, and the chances are that the old court house was set on fire.

No arrests have been made and the situation has resolved itself into one of "watchful waiting."

A New Bank

For Safford

A new bank is being organized, under the name of the Arizona Bank and Trust Co., by the stockholders of The Citizens Bank of Thatcher, and citizens of Safford and throughout the valley.

The banking business will be conducted at Safford and Thatcher.

The new institution is capitalized at \$100,000. The stock will be owned entirely by residents of the Gila valley.

The building, corner of Main and Second West streets, now occupied by Attorney E. L. Spriggs, has been leased for temporary quarters, until the bank's new building has been erected.

The new bank will start business here in January.

Kid Chambers Will

Box Eddie Johnson

The Safford Athletic Association announces that the program for Christmas afternoon at Layton Hall, will present Kid Chambers, of Bisbee, who will box Eddie Johnson, of Pueblo, Colo.

This will be the big event on the program and will be for ten three-minute rounds.

Among the preliminaries, the following will take part, Bobby Echols, of Pima; Mack Spaw, of Duncan, and Bill Alger, of Solomonville.

The program promises to be the best ever given here.

Will Perpetuate

Organization

The Graham County Anti-Tuberculosis Association is to be perpetuated and a strong county with local organizations will be effected.

It is the purpose of the association to look after the good health of the community, help the afflicted and safe guard the well.

Eighty per cent of all collections resulting from the sale of Red Cross Xmas seals, will be left in the county.

Money to Loan

I am expecting to return to Safford within thirty days, prepared to make loans on real estate at a reasonable rate, or terms to suit the borrower as to time and payments. In the meantime applications may be made with W. R. Chambers, Safford. F. M. WOODARD, adv-44-1f

FOR RENT—Garage and sleeping room, on Fourth South street, next to W. K. Dial's residence. Phone 22 J3, Safford. adv-44-2t

Mrs. Turner West, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Edna Gillen, left last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, at her home near Syracuse, N. Y. They arrived there Sunday morning. Mrs. West will stop on her way home at Rochester, Minn., for treatment at Mayo Brothers' Hospital.

Assortment of new bicycles just arrived at Haralson's Shop. adv-44-2t

SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

The only excitement for the last few weeks has been the basketball games. Since the two teams came home from Morenci and Clifton, with two victories and two defeats to talk about, there has not been much practice owing to various reasons.

Last Wednesday evening, an inter-class game was played. It was a double header. Altho it was not advertised very extensively, there were enough rooters for each side to make the games interesting. The girls played first. The Seniors and Sophomores challenged the Juniors and Freshies to a game. Altho there had not been much practice before, the game was close and a hard fight all the way through. The victory went to the Juniors and Freshies.

The score was twelve to fifteen. The line-up was as follows: The Senior and Sophomores—Ruby Welker, captain, Beatrice Woods, running center; Winnie Foster and Norma Pepper played forwards; Ethna Clifford and Bernice Sowell, guards.

On the other team—Eva Boise played as captain; Lola Waddell, running center; Florence Angle and Ruth Smithson, forwards; Mildred Talley and Maud Williams as guards.

There will be two more games played before it can be decided which team is the stronger.

The lights went off before the boys had completed the first half of their game. When they quit, the Seniors and Juniors were ahead.

Saturday, a crowd of High School students went up to the flume camp in cars. Arriving about noon, they ate a most delicious lunch. The rest of the day was spent in climbing.

Ask Miss Robertson and Miss Craig for further particulars. They know. (?)

Sophomore

Miss Williams (in Civics)—"Lola, what is the senators purpose in Washington?"
Lola—"To make money."

The students are practicing hard for the High School play, to be given January 30, 1920. It is entitled, "Green Stockings," and is a very exciting comedy and we expect it will be a great success.

Thursday, Miss Dodge was unable to conduct the music class. Miss Williams took charge. Whether she hypnotized the students or not, is still an unanswered question, but it was very apparent that many voices, hitherto unheard, were discovered. Perhaps Miss Williams can explain.

The girls of the "younger set" enjoyed a delightful autumn luncheon at the home of Miss Winnie Foster, on Wednesday evening of last week. The table was beautifully decorated and there were appropriate place cards. The effect was made even more charming by the costumes worn by the girls.

After the luncheon, the guests danced at the masquerade in Layton Hall.

Those present were: Misses Viola Foote, Hazel O'Bryan, Lillian Graham, Bernice Sowell, Louise Larsden, Ethna Clifford, Lucile Birdno, Ruby Welker and the hostess, Winnie Foster.

Notices for Publication

We, the advanced Domestic Science Class, do hereby thank the First Year Class for the use of their aprons.

We found said aprons dirty, and returned said aprons dirty. (Signed)—Fannie Curtis, Helen McGowan, Ruby Welker, Dorothy Chamberlain, Louise Larsden, Opal O'Bryan.

We, the undersigned, do hereby promise to try our best to be at school on time, and we hereby warn others to do the same. Beware of Mr. Hibner's special class! (Signed)—Ethna Clifford, Dorothy Chamberlain, Eliza Sanders.

George was talking very earnestly to Mona, and suddenly he said, "Miss Williams, may I take my seat?"

The Sophomores are planning to serve a lunch at the school in the near future. We have a nice sum of money in our treasury, but, of course, we want much more. When we get a large sum of money, we will give a party, maybe.

Everybody is surely trying their best to be at school on time these days. Mr. Hibner's class seems to be quite unpopular.

Conference On

High Cost of Living

As a result of the high cost of living conference, held in Phoenix, December 8th, Arizona merchants will use every effort to cooperate in the work of investigating complaints of exorbitant charges for merchandise and the organization of fair price commissioners in each county.

Those present at the conference were: Special Attorney General John H. Atwood, representing United States Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer; Gov. Thomas E. Campbell, Attorney General Wiley E. Jones; United States District Attorney Thomas A. Flynn; Federal Fair Price Commissioner George Smalley; P. R. Milnes, secretary to Gov. Campbell; F. J. K. McBride, representing the Attorney General's office; County Attorneys Dave Ling, of Greenlee; R. W. Smith, of Graham; F. M. Gold, of Coconino; W. L. Timmons, of Yuma; Gilbert Greer, of Apache; R. A. Jarrett, of Maricopa; Kirk Moore, of Pima and Thomas R. Greer, of Navajo; Supervisors C. M. Roberts, of Cochise; I. H. Geering, of Coconino; W. H. Gibbons, of Apache; John A. Freeman, of Navajo; Mr. Moore, of Greenlee, and J. Elliot, of Yuma; Frank S. Smith, of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Snodgrass, tuner of pianos, is again in Safford and will remain as long as work lasts. Orders can be left at Paynes' Music Store. adv-44-1t

Public Auction Sale,

Saturday, Dec. 20th

By Smith has hit the nail on the head this time. He is now promoting a public auction sale, to be held on the street, near the city park, next Saturday, December 20th, and will last until evening.

A special feature will be a boxing match between two local boxers, which will take place in the open air.

A special orchestra will furnish the music.

The property for sale will consist of everything in the line of farm implements, stock, autos, wagons, saddles, harness, etc.

See Smith's big ad on page four.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

Xmas Entertainment

by Layton Primary

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Layton Primary Association, at Layton Hall Wednesday night, December 24th, at 6:30 o'clock. The play to be given by the children is entitled, "Christmas Spirit."

Each parent will be given a present by their children of the work done by them in the Primary during the past year. All parents and friends should attend the entertainment and see what the children can do.

A small admission will be charged.

Big Celebration

Christmas Day

Christmas Day will be celebrated here by a splendid program of western sports at the fair grounds starting at 1:30 p. m.

The card calls for horse racing, ring picking tournament, broncho busting, auto races, bull riding, calf roping and many other sports.

Prizes, from \$25.00 up will be given to winners of the different events.

Everybody is invited to attend the celebration.

FOUND—Hudson and Studebaker cranks. Apply to Roy Pace, Big Six, Thatcher. adv-44-1t

Bake without the Ake—the LEONARD Hi-Oven is the secret. Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware store. adv-44-3t

Trade your old Tires for new. It is easy to trade at Haralson's Shop. Kelley, Springfield, Michelin, Horse Shoe, Fisk, General, McCreey. Firestone Tires carried in stock; also, Miller Half Sole. Bring your tires in to have them sewed.

Horses and mules; buy them at your own price, at the Auction Sale, Saturday, December 20th. adv-44-1t

A. H. Ferrin, cashier of the Bank of Safford, returned home last Thursday night from a business trip to El Paso, Texas, and left Friday morning for Tucson on a business trip, returning home again Sunday night.

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ROAD BONDS CARRY

Results of Tuesday's Election
Give 365 in Favor and
118 Against

The road bond election for \$250,000, held Tuesday, was carried by a vote of three to one.

Several of the smaller precincts cast all their votes in favor of the bonds. Safford, the largest precinct, had the greatest number of votes against the bonds, while Solomonville voted against the bonds, 18 to 14.

The total vote for and against the road bonds of each precinct, is given below:

| | For Bonds | Against Bonds |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| Safford | 76 | 43 |
| Hubbard | 13 | 0 |
| Lebanon | 7 | 0 |
| San Jose | 6 | 0 |
| Solomonville | 14 | 18 |
| Pima | 60 | 28 |
| Fort Thomas | 28 | 5 |
| Bonita | — | — |
| Klondyke | — | — |
| Artesia | — | — |
| Lompop | — | — |
| Thatcher | 55 | 6 |
| Eden | 41 | 1 |
| Stanley | — | — |
| Central | 34 | 6 |
| Geronimo | 7 | 10 |
| Bryce | 16 | 1 |
| Gallup | — | — |
| Columbine | — | — |
| Redland | 8 | 0 |
| Totals | 365 | 118 |

Would Organize

Troop of Cavalry

Adjutant General W. S. Ingalls arrived here Friday evening from Douglas, and was the guest of Captain and Mrs. E. S. Wickersham.

Adjutant General Ingalls visited the High Schools of Tucson, Bisbee and Douglas, where the students are taking military training. All High School students over 14 years of age must take this training. General Ingalls found the work at each school visited very satisfactory.

General Ingalls came here to confer with Captain Wickersham in regard to organizing a troop of cavalry for the National Guard of Arizona. The government furnishes the horses, 32 head, all equipment, feed for horses and five men to care for the horses.

The State furnishes the armory, stables and storage facilities.

The troop will consist of 70 men, with three officers, captain and first and second lieutenants. Men with previous service, discharged before July 11, 1919, can, within six months of that date, enlist for one year.

Safford, the home of Company B, has been selected for a troop of cavalry. Under the provisions for such organization, it should be an easy matter to secure members from among ex-service men and other young men to make the plan for a troop here successful.

Farewell Party to

Major and Mrs. Roach

A farewell party was given to Major and Mrs. E. H. Roach, last night, at Masonic Hall, by Mesdames Jennings and Worden.

About fifty guests, all old friends of Major and Mrs. Roach, were present and enjoyed the evening playing bridge and 500.

After the games, the guests accompanied the hostesses and Major and Mrs. Roach to the Mission, where a delightful supper was served.

Major Roach resigned his position with the Solomon-Wickersham Co., and has accepted a position with a large commercial house in Muscogee, Okla. Major and Mrs. Roach and her mother, Mrs. Carlton, will leave for Muscogee Sunday morning.

Red Cross Seal Sales

End Christmas Day

The Red Cross Christmas seal sales will be continued until Christmas.

All local workers will keep the good work going until they have reached their quota and then some.

Seals are on sale at all the banks in the valley, who will also give receipts for collections.

Central goes over the top and is the first town to report. Several of the schools report 100 per cent. Indications are very favorable for Graham county to turn in its quota of \$1,744.00.

Don't wait until she is dead, hand her a bunch of flowers now, while she can smile and love you for it. Get them at the Flower Dance, Friday, December 19th, at Layton Hall. adv-44-1t

PRO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

For State of Arizona Is
Successfully Formed at
Phoenix

TO UNITE ALL AMERICANS

Andrew P. Martin, of Tucson,
Commander Legion of Hon-
or, Is Chosen Chairman

Andrew P. Martin, State commander of the American Legion, was chosen temporary chairman of the United Americans of Arizona, following their organization at the school administration building, in Phoenix, December 6th.

J. W. McCann, of Pinal county, was chosen temporary secretary; Harry Diehl, of Phoenix, treasurer; Fred O. Adams and Col. John C. Greenway, vice chairman.

A general executive committee was chosen, as follows:

At large—Dwight B. Heard, Phoenix; Rev. J. E. Frye, Bisbee; C. W. Davis, Yavapai; W. W. Pace, Thatcher; John D. Loper, Phoenix; A. B. Doan, Phoenix. County representation—A. C. Taylor, Maricopa; Henry Schewell, Pinal; J. M. Sparks, Cochise; George F. Kitt, Pima; Judge Shute, Gila; J. H. Harrison, Santa Cruz; Larry Quinlan, Navajo; Father Fabre, Coconino; Levi Udall, Apache; Mulford Winsor, Yuma; Mr. Gates, Mohave; Dave Ling, Greenlee; R. W. Smith, Graham.

A resolution authorizing the executive committee to participate in the proposed national campaign for funds, was adopted.

Notice of the organization in Arizona and pledging support were sent to Charles E. Mills and Fred O. Adams, the State's representatives to the New York conference, which met Wednesday, where a permanent organization was formed.

Fees derived from dollar membership fees will be used in the State; five dollar membership fees will be given to the national organization, and \$100 memberships split between State and national organizations. The organizers of the movement desire to avoid foundation funds.

Dr. Fisher described the principles of the organization as not anti-anybody, but pro-American. "Emma Goldman was right when she predicted that there would be a revolution in the United States within five years," he said. "There would be if the United Americans were not formed, but they will organize and so there will be no revolution."

The principles of the national constitution of the new order were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Quarterly Conference

of M. E. Church

The first quarterly conference of the Safford Methodist Church was held Monday night, by the new presiding elder, Rev. J. E. Harrison, D. D. There was a good attendance of the officials present and it could be seen that they meant business. In addition to the present board, there were added the names of W. H. Roach, S. A. Sowell and C. T. Reynolds.

Official steps were taken toward the further progress of a new church building. The faith of those present in the future growth of the church was manifested, not only in the desire for a larger and more modern building, but the pastor's salary was increased handsomely.

The new presiding elder spent several days looking over the town and surrounding country and looking closely into the situation. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the people and conditions in general.